

*West Virginia Pharmacy Cost Management Council*

*Meeting Minutes*

*April 20, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.*

*State Capital Complex, Building 1, Room 157-K*

*Charleston, West Virginia 25305*

**Members Present:**

Tom Susman, Co-Chairman

Shana Phares, Co-Chair

Paul Nusbaum

Nancy Atkins

Phil Shimer

Ann Stottlemeyer

Felice Joseph

Kevin Outtersen

Charles L. Burdette

Heather Bresch

Stephen Neal

**Absent:**

Dr. Wayne Spiggle

**Others Present:**

See Attached Register

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Susman. Mr. Susman introduced Shana Phares, Co-Chair of the WV Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council (Council).

Mr. Susman stated the intent was for the Council to meet every two weeks to comply with legislative deadlines of September 15, 2004 for submission of a pricing schedule and strategy for implementation of a proposal. He advised that pharmaceutical manufacturers and providers would be invited to future meetings to make presentations to the group.

The Council consists of appointments of the following individuals who introduced themselves:

- Secretary of the Department of Administration (or his designee): represented by Tom Susman, Acting Cabinet Secretary
- Secretary of the WV Department of Health and Human Resources (or his designee): represented by Paul Nusbaum, Cabinet Secretary and Shana Phares, Deputy Secretary

- Commissioner of the Bureau for Medical Services (or his designee): represented by Nancy Atkins, Commissioner and Peggy King, Director of Pharmacy
- Executive Director of the Workers' Compensation (or his designee): represented by: Phil Shimer, Deputy Director
- Director of the WV Public Employees Insurance Agency (or his designee): represented by Felice Joseph, Pharmacy Benefits Administrator
- Commissioner of the Bureau of Senior Services: represented by Ann Stottlemeyer, Commissioner
- Charles "Laddie" Burdette, a member of the Pharmacy Association and employed by Fruth Pharmacy, a community retail pharmacy
- Heather Bresch, Vice President of Government Affairs for Mylan Laboratories, representative of pharmaceutical manufacturers
- Kevin Outtersen, Associate Professor of West Virginia University Law School, representing those who will receive benefits from the establishment of this program
- Stephen Neal, The Health Plan, experienced in financing, development or management of a health insurance company that provides pharmaceutical coverage
- Keith Huffman, legal counsel to the WV Public Employees Insurance Agency, who will serve as counsel to the Council.

Dr. Wayne Spiggle, a primary care physician from Keyser, West Virginia, was also appointed to the Council by Governor Wise but was unable to attend the meeting.

Governor Wise addressed the members of the Council and thanked them for their participation, as well as the Members of the Legislature.

Mr. Susman spoke to those present, giving a brief overview of the pharmaceutical crisis in West Virginia, and the charge of the Council.

Shana Phares distributed and reviewed resource books for members. The notebooks included an Agenda for this meeting, a mailing list of members, a proposed meeting schedule, a timeline for submission of Council's recommendations to the Legislature, a copy of House Bill 4084 (Pharmaceutical Availability and Affordability Act of 2004) along with a variety of resource documents.

Keith Huffman presented to members and reviewed a handout covering the main points of House Bill 4084, including the make-up of the membership, mandatory duties, discretionary power and authority, development of a clearinghouse and discount drug program, along with other miscellaneous aspects of the legislation.

Peggy Atkins presented to members and reviewed a handout, explaining in detail the West Virginia Medicaid Pharmacy Program, the services it provides and the cost of operating the program.

Felice Joseph made a presentation on the PEIA's Pharmacy Program and distributed materials, which included a copy of the Request for Proposal for Pharmacy Benefit Management Services issued by the PEIA in October, 2001, financial forecast reports prepared by CCRC Actuaries for the PEIA, and a brochure on the AIMS Program conducted by the PEIA.

Mr. Susman advised that drug manufacturers and providers will be invited to address the Council at the next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2004 at 10:00 am and will be held in the Senate Finance Committee Room 451-M.

The meeting concluded at 3:15 pm.